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STUDY OF THE PN PARTY FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF ITS ELECTORAL
COMPONENTS SHOWS THE FOLLOWING:

1. PN NOW HAS FIVE SENATORS OF 50 (10 PERCENT). ONLY ONE
NATOR, FERNANDO O C H A G A V I A VALDES, IS UP FOR RE-ELECTION
EXT YEAR. THE PN PARTY HAS A POSSIBILITY OF PICKING UP THREE
ODITIONAL SENATORS IN OTHER SENATORIAL RACES. WHILE STATISTICALLY
CHAGAVIA'S ELECTORAL SITUATION LOOKS BAD, BOTH HE AND HIS PARTY
HINK HE HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BEING RE-ELECTED; SO DOES THE PDC.
2. PARTY NOW HAS 32 DEPUTIES (OF 150). THE PARTY'S
STATISTICAL PROJECTIONS FROM THE 1971 MUNICIPALS SUGGEST THE
RTY COULD ELECT ABOUT 28-30 DEPUTIES IN A UNITED OPPOSITION.
DER THE TERMS OF CONFEDERATION THE PN HAS MORE THAN 50 DEPUTY
OTS, SO THEY PLAN TO USE "TAPONES" (PLUGS) TO FILL SOME SLOTS
TH PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT REALLY RUN SO AS NOT TO TAKE ELECTORAL
RENGTH AWAY FROM CANDIDATES WHO OTHERWISE WOULD PROBABLY WIN.
VERTHELESS THERE ARE A FEW ELECTORAL DISTRICTS WHERE ADDITIONAL
FORT BY THE PN MIGHT ELECT ONE MORE DEPUTY THAN PRESENTLY PROJECTED.
ESE ARE O'HIGGINS, MALLECO, CONCEPCION, VALDIVIA, CAUTIN AND THIRD
FOURTH DISTRICTS OF SANTIAGO.

C. THE PN VISUALIZES ITSELF AS HAVING ITS MAJOR STRENGTH IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES OF CHILE, FROM ACONCAGUA TO COLCHAGUA. WHILE THE PARTY APPEARS TO HAVE LITTLE ELECTORAL STRENGTH AT THE EXTREMITIES OF THE COUNTRY (ATACAMA AND NORTH, AYSEN AND MAGALLANES IN THE SOUTH), ELECTORAL DATA DOES SHOW STRENGTH SOUTH AS FAR AS CHILOE, THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT DROPS BETWEEN 1969 AND 1971 IN PARTY STRENGTH IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF CAUTIN, CHILOE, NUBLE AND BIO BIO. FURTHER EROSION SHOULD IT OCCUR WOULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND REFORM PROGRAM SINCE PARTY STRENGTH IN THE SOUTH IS BASED LARGELY UPON CATTLE BREEDERS AND FARMERS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEYS, ALONG THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY. EXAMINATION OF ELECTORAL DATA BY COMUNAS SUGGESTS THE PARTY IS WEAL IN ZONES ASSOCIATED WITH EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES (COOPER, COAL), WHERE LABOR UNIONS CONNECTED WITH GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIES ARE STRONG. ALONG THE COAST PARTY STRENGTH VARIES CONSIDERABLY (SUGGESTING NO CORRELATION BETWEEN THE PARTY AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY) BUT TENDS TO BE QUITE STRING IN THE RESORT AREAS WHERE WEALTHIER PEOPLE RESIDE IN GREATER PROPORTIONS THAN ELSEWHERE. STUDY OF PARTY RETURNS WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURAL AREAS SHOWS VARIATIONS WHICH CANNOT EASILY BE EXPLAINED SO FAR IN TERMS OF CROPS IN THEMSELVES. RICH OR SELF-SUFFICIENT VALLEYS TEND TO REFLECT HIGH PN PERCENTS WHEREAS DEPRESSED ZONES WHICH RECEIVE GREATER PROPORTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AID THEND TO VOTE FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND NOT FOR THE PN.

D. SANTIAGO PROVINCE. WHILE STUDIES SHOW A POSITIVE CORRELATION BETWEEN RURALITY AND PN PARTY STRENGTH, THE PN, NOT WITHOUT REASONS, VISUALIZES ITSELF AS ESSENTIALLY AN URBAN PARTY. TWENTY FIVE PERCENT OF EIGHT OF THEIR 32 INCUMBENT DEPUTIES ARE FROM THE FOUR DISTRICTS IN SANTIAGO PROVINCE. STATISTICAL PROJECTIONS SUGGEST THE PN COULD PROBABLY ELECT SEVEN FROM THESE FOUR DISTRICTS IN 1973. A STUDY OF SANTIAGO PN ELECTORAL RETURNS

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BY COMUNAS SHOWS CONSIDERABLE INSTABILITY, A PARTY PERCENTILE RANGE OF 39 BETWEEN HIGHEST AND LOWEST, A MEAN DISPERSION OF NINE PERCENT FROM THE AVERAGE AND A TRIMODAL FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION SUGGESTING THE EXISTENCE OF STRONG "MACHINE" PRECINCTS OPERATING AGAINST THE PARTY. AN EXAMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL COMMUNES SHOWS A STEEP SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCALE FOR THE PN, WITH THE PN AVERAGING 44 PERCENT IN THE WEALTHY BARRIO ALTO AND DROPPING TO 11 PERCENT IN THE POOR POBLACIONES SUCH AS CONCHALI AND SAN MIGUEL. HENCE THE LCASS CHARACTER OF THE SANTIAGO CAMPAIGN FROM THE PN POINT OF VIEW IS MANIFEST. FOR THE PN TO PICK UP AN ADDITIONAL SEAT OR TWO IN SANTIAGO, THEY EITHER HAVE TO RECRUIT NEW ADHERENTS AMONG GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR MAKE INROADS INTO THE POBLACIONES, A DIFFICULT TASK BUT ONE THEY ARE NOW STARTING TO ATTACK BY SENDING PARTY PAID DOCTOR-NURSE TEAMS INTO THE POBLACIONES TO OFFER FREE MEDICAL SERVICES, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A DENTIST IN A PARTY VAN.

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